

City of Cincinnati



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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject: 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget Update

Transmitted herewith is my recommended 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget totaling \$26.7 million. The Consolidated Plan programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant (HOPWA). The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) completed a review of the CDBG and HOME projects of the Housing and Economic Development components and submitted their recommendations to me. The CDAB also concurred with the recommendations of both the Human Services Advisory Committee and the HOPWA Advisory Committee on the program allocations for human services, the homeless, and persons with AIDS.

Table 1. 2002 Consolidated Plan Resources				
(\$ 000)		2002 Approved Budget	2002 Budget Update	Change From Approved
CDBG	\$	19,712	\$ 20,343	3.1%
HOME		4,808	5,354	10.1%
ESG		591	591	0%
HOPWA		<u>405</u>	<u>459</u>	11.7%
		\$ 25,516	\$ 26,747	4.7%

Table 2. 2002 Consolidated Plan Expenditure Summary				
(\$ 000)		2002 Approved Budget	2002 Budget Update	Change From Approved
Housing/Blight:	CDBG	\$ 9,024	\$ 9,374	3.7%
	HOME	4,808	5,354	10.1%
	ESG	591	591	0.0%
	HOPWA	<u>405</u>	<u>459</u>	11.7%
Total Housing/Blight		14,828	15,778	6%
Human Services		2,327	1,349	-42%
Economic Development		4,890	6,208	21.2%
Administration		3,040	2,981	-1.9%
Sec. 108 Debt Service		431	431	0.0%
Total		\$ 25,516	\$ 26,747	4.7%

Federal Appropriations. The Consolidated Plan Budget is based on estimates of the grant funds that will be made available to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City's actual entitlement grant amounts will not be known until later in the year or early next year as Congress continues to debate appropriations. Actual 2001 funding levels are being used to prepare this budget. Adjustments in resources will be made after the year-end close. At that time final carryover and grant amount information will be available.

An annual Action Plan detailing expenditures for 2002 will be submitted to HUD on November 15, 2001. Because of timing and HUD submission requirements, an ordinance authorizing the submission to HUD of the 2002 Action Plan is pending before the City Council. This allows the City to submit its grant application in a timely manner to HUD for a mandatory 45-day review period. The City Council may revise the annual Action Plan and the 2002 Budget subsequent to the public notification process. Any revisions will be sent to HUD as an amendment.

Resources. Estimated resources for 2002 for the four Consolidated Plan programs are shown in Table 1 above. The CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA resource estimates are based on actual 2001 grant amounts, plus estimated 2002 program income and prior year carryover.

Expenditures. Changes from the 2002 Approved Budget to the 2002 Budget Update are highlighted herein. Detailed descriptions are in the next section of this document.

Housing Component. The Housing and Neighborhood Blight Removal amount is 59% of the Consolidated Plan Budget Update and is funded from CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA resources. The CDBG portion of the 2002 Budget Update increases by \$350,000 from the 2002 Approved Budget to reflect an increased emphasis on homeownership programs and a decreased emphasis on rental programs. The HOME portion of the 2002 Budget Update increases by \$546,000 from the 2002 Approved Budget because of the inclusion of the Laurel Homes redevelopment for \$1 million and a decrease in rental programs by a net of \$454,000. The ESG portion of the 2002 Budget Update remains the same at \$591,000 compared to the 2002 Approved Budget and the program recommendations do not change. The HOPWA portion of the 2002 Budget Update increases by \$54,000 from the 2002 Approved Budget and the increase is for a variety of programs.

Human Services Component. The Human Services amount is 5% of the 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget Update and is funded from CDBG resources. In 2001, \$1.1 million in programs administered by the Citizen's Committee on Youth (CCY) was shifted from this component to the Economic Development Component after the 2002 Approved Budget was completed. This was done to consolidate in the Employment and Training Division the contract administration of similar programs formerly administered by two different departments. Adjusting for this shift, the comparable amounts are \$1.2 million for the 2002 Approved Budget and \$1.3 million for the 2002 Budget Update (See page 3 of the next section). The increase of \$125,000 from the 2002 Approved Budget to the 2002 Budget Update is the addition of the Elm Street Clinic Renovation for \$175,000 and the reduction in Human Services Project Implementation of \$49,000.

Economic Development and Job Development Component. Economic and Job Development programs comprise 23.3% of the Consolidated Plan Budget Update amount. The increase of \$1.3 million from the 2002 Approved Budget to the 2002 Budget Update is in part the result of the addition of \$1.1 million in youth programs previously in the Human Services Component and now in the Economic Development Component. The remaining \$213,260 is made up of several increases and decreases. These are as follows:

- Brownfields/Industrial Redevelopment is reduced by \$125,340 based on the experience of recent years that few projects are small enough in size and scope to utilize the appropriated level of funding.
- The Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund is reduced by \$40,000 to \$1 million, which is consistent with prior year funding.
- Emery Theatre Renovation is recommended at \$50,000.
- Findlay Market Revitalization Phase IV is increased by \$100,000.
- The Food Ventures Center (Kitchen Incubator) funding of \$100,000 has been deferred until completion of the Market House Renovations at Findlay Market. The funds are redirected to the Findlay Market Revitalization Project to assist with the Market House Renovations because of increased construction and vendor relocation costs.
- Project Impact OTR is increased by \$85,000 to make up for a Findlay Market Fund budget reduction as a result of less revenue expected during renovations.
- Youth Employment programs are increased by \$389,000, which is offset by the elimination of CDBG funding to the Career Resource Center at \$156,000 and a net increase of \$10,600 in other employment programs.

Administration Component. The Administrative amount funded from CDBG is 11% of the 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget Update. The 2002 Budget Update amount is \$58,260 less than the 2002 Approved Budget amount primarily as a result of a \$63,960 reduction in Special Studies which is offset by a net increase of \$5,700, primarily in employee benefit costs.

CDBG Program Caps. The Community Development Block Grant Program has certain statutory funding limits. Public service activities, which include a variety of employment training, youth, and housing assistance services, may comprise no more than 15% of the entitlement grant plus program income. The City's public service activities are budgeted at 14.2%. Planning and general administration activities are limited to 20%. The City's planning and general administration activities are budgeted at 17.6%. The City must expend at least 70% of its CDBG funds specifically benefiting low and moderate income persons and currently 76.9% is allocated to these activities. Tables 1, 2, and 3 on pages 8-10 detail the projected expenditures in these categories.

Council Ordinance 346-2001. The Consolidated Plan Budget Update is consistent with the Ordinance. The recommended programs are broadly defined and can be implemented in a manner which accommodates the Ordinance. The Ordinance, approved October 31, 2001, affirms major tenets of the City's current policy: to rehabilitate vacant and abandoned buildings, preserve and improve affordable housing, and create safe living environments through lead abatement. The Ordinance also amends one of the City's current policies by limiting the construction of new publicly assisted low-income rental units unless the construction reduces the concentration of poverty. While the Consolidated Plan does seek to reduce concentrations of poverty, the limits on construction are new elements that require analysis and discussion. We will request the CDAB to review the amendment, provide for a 30-day notice inviting the public to comment, and facilitate a public hearing by the City Council. Following receipt of comments from the public on the amendment, we will amend the Consolidated Plan as directed by the City Council.

The following section of this document provides a program-by-program description of each component of the 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget Update and compares the Budget Update amounts to the 2002 Approved amounts.

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HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT PROGRAMS					
<i>Department of Neighborhood Services Housing Division</i>					
Central Parkway Towers Rental Assistance Program	50,000	30,000	10,000	10,000	-40,000
Down Payment Assistance	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000
Fair Housing Services	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	0
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	2,500,000	2,058,130	2,058,130	2,058,130	-441,870
Homeownership/Neighborhood Revitalization	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	-50,000
Homesteading	808,130	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	191,870
Housing Counseling Services	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	0
Housing Development Round - Homeowners	400,000	400,000	300,000	500,000	100,000
Housing Development Round - Renters	400,000	600,000	600,000	400,000	0
Housing Maintenance Services	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	100,000
Lincoln Court	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	0
NDC Support	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	0
Neighborhood Gardens	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	0
Rental Rehabilitation Program	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Technical Assistance to NDC's	103,000	103,000	103,000	103,000	0
Tenant Representation	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	0
Total Request	8,146,130	8,176,130	8,056,130	8,056,130	-90,000
<i>Law Department</i>					
Code Enforcement Relocation	145,290	149,240	145,290	145,290	0
Tenant Assistance	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	0
Total Request	190,290	194,240	190,290	190,290	0
<i>Department of Buildings and Inspections</i>					
Concentrated Code Enforcement	200,000	220,000	200,000	200,000	0
Hazard Abatement / Barricade	487,500	487,500	487,500	527,500	40,000
Total Request	687,500	707,500	687,500	727,500	40,000
<i>Parks Department</i>					
Millcreek Restoration Project		175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
<i>Department of Public Health</i>					
Cincinnati Lead Program		225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
CDBG HOUSING/NBHD BLIGHT TOTAL REQUEST	9,023,920	9,477,870	9,333,920	9,373,920	350,000

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HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>Department of Neighborhood Services Human Services Division</i>					
Operating Support					
CHRC Back-On-The-Block	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	0
Credit Union Services/OTR	81,000	81,000	81,000	81,000	0
Total Request	146,000	146,000	146,000	146,000	0
Service Facility Renovation					
Human Services Lead Safe Reserve	113,690	113,690	113,690	113,690	0
Talbert House Boiler Replacement	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Working in Neighborhoods	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Total Request	353,690	353,690	353,690	353,690	0
Homeless/Transitional Housing Facility Renovation					
Anna Louise Inn	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Drop Inn Center Roof Replacement	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	0
Mercy Franciscan at Main Street Renovation	19,400	19,400	19,400	19,400	0
Rainbow of Hope Parenting Center	215,000	215,000	215,000	215,000	0
Tender Mercies Window Replacement	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Tom Geiger Guest House Window Replacement	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	0
Total Request	474,400	474,400	474,400	474,400	0
Project Implementation and Delivery					
Human Services and CDBG Administration	159,200	159,200	159,200	159,200	0
Human Services Project Implementation	89,380	40,380	40,380	40,380	-49,000
Total Request (Fac Renovation & Homeless)	1,076,670	1,027,670	1,027,670	1,027,670	-49,000
Total Request (Human Services Division)	1,222,670	1,173,670	1,173,670	1,173,670	-49,000
<i>Department of Public Health</i>					
Elm Street Clinic Renovation		375,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL REQUEST	1,222,670	1,548,670	1,348,670	1,348,670	126,000

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB DEVELOPMENT					
<i>Economic Development Department</i>					
Brownfields/Industrial Redevelopment	458,340	458,340	333,000	333,000	-125,340
Cincinnati Business Incubator (CBI)	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	0
Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund	1,040,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-40,000
Community Action Agency at Swifton Commons	507,000	507,000	507,000	507,000	0
Emery Theatre Renovation		50,000	0	50,000	50,000
Findlay Mkt. Revitalization Phase. IV	500,000	600,000	474,850	600,000	100,000
Food Ventures Center (Kitchen Incubator)	100,000	0	0	0	-100,000
Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative	44,000	44,000	100,000	44,000	0
Microenterprise Development (SmartMoney)	50,000	50,000	125,000	50,000	0
NBD Improvement Program (CNBDU)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Clifton Heights Neighborhood Park Study (NBD)				\$31,500	
Corryville/University Village Urban Design Plan (NBD)				\$52,500	
East Walnut Hills Parking Lot -Kaldi's (NBD)				\$99,800	
OTR Main Street Signage (NBD)				\$31,500	
OTR Vine Street Signage (NBD)				\$31,500	
Bond Hill Resource Center (NBD)				\$84,000	
Avondale Parking-Mom's Family Restaurant (NBD)				\$135,300	
Walnut Hills-McMillan Streetscape (NBD)				\$31,500	
Lower Price Hill -8th & State Streetscape (NBD)				\$262,500	
Madisonville Spectrum Building (NBD)				\$178,100	
Walnut Hills E-Commerce Center (NBD)				\$61,800	
NBD Property Holding Costs	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Project IMPACT OTR	75,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	85,000
Small Business Technical Assistance	60,000	100,000	60,000	60,000	0
Total Request	4,084,340	4,219,340	4,009,850	4,054,000	-30,340
<i>Employment & Training Division</i>					
Summer Youth Employment		300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
It Takes a Village	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Juvenile Delinquency Prevention	718,000	718,000	718,000	718,000	0
Career Resource Center	156,000	168,300	0	0	-156,000
Employment Initiatives/Van Pooling	401,350	435,000	391,000	391,000	-10,350
Job Training and Litter Control	119,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	11,000
PREP, Inc.	104,000	113,950	124,690	113,950	9,950
Youth Employment Initiatives	186,000	275,000	285,740	275,000	89,000
	1,884,350	2,340,250	2,149,430	2,127,950	243,600
<i>Contract Compliance and Administrative Hearings</i>					
Small Business Enterprise Program	25,590	25,590	30,000	25,590	0
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL REQUEST **	5,994,280	6,585,180	6,189,280	6,207,540	213,260

** The amount listed in the 2002 Approved Budget as the Economic Development and Job Development total amount was \$4,890,280. During 2001 the administration of the following three programs totalling \$1.104 million was transferred from the Department of Neighborhood Services to the Employment and Training Division: It Takes a Village, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, and Youth Employment Initiatives. These programs are now included in the Economic Development and Job Development total.

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PLANNING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION					
Contract Compliance & Administrative Hearings	24,160	23,630	23,630	23,630	-530
Law	275,030	268,840	268,840	268,840	-6,190
Budget & Evaluation	267,270	259,710	259,710	259,710	-7,560
Accounts & Audits	104,630	102,600	102,600	102,260	-2,370
Treasury	74,340	74,700	74,700	74,310	-30
Economic Development	413,810	404,490	404,490	404,490	-9,320
Neighborhood Services Office of the Director	490,220	484,450	484,450	464,270	-25,950
Neighborhood Services Housing Development	134,850	158,780	158,780	128,850	-6,000
Neighborhood Services Human Services	2,780	18,590	18,590	34,730	31,950
City Planning	332,940	325,550	325,550	325,540	-7,400
	2,120,030	2,121,340	2,121,340	2,086,630	-33,400
City Pensions	191,530	217,840	217,840	190,820	-710
Hospital Care	102,350	120,280	120,280	133,320	30,970
AFSCME Dental & Vision Care	630	600	600	670	40
Mgmt. Dental & Vision Care	17,860	16,220	16,220	18,400	540
Medicare Tax	12,580	10,986	10,986	27,140	14,560
Public Employees Assistance	3,830	3,410	3,410	1,640	-2,190
Workers' Comp Insurance				13,320	13,320
State Unemployment Compensation	1,610	1,742	1,742	1,570	-40
Life Insurance	4,280	4,180	4,180	4,320	40
Audit & Examiner's Fees	5,740	5,600	5,600	5,600	-140
Indirect Costs	461,140	450,000	450,000	450,000	-11,140
Memberships and Publications	6,150	6,000	6,000	0	-6,150
Special Investigations/Studies	111,900	81,430	81,430	47,940	-63,960
	<u>919,600</u>	<u>918,288</u>	<u>918,288</u>	<u>894,740</u>	-24,860
	3,039,630	3,039,628	3,039,628	2,981,370	-58,260
SECTION 108 DEBT SERVICE	431,500	431,500	431,500	431,500	0
CDBG PROGRAM TOTAL REQUESTS	19,712,000	21,082,848	20,342,998	20,343,000	631,000

Consolidated Plan Budget Requests - Housing Objectives

HOME Investment Partnership Fund

2002 Budget Update

	2002 Approved	2002 Agency Request	2002 CDAB/HSAC Recomm	2002 City Mgr Recomm	Difference City Mrg Rec 2002 App
<i>Department of Neighborhood Services Housing Division</i>					
Housing Round - Homeowners	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,033,000	33,000
Housing Round - Renters	1,033,000	1,033,000	1,033,000	1,000,000	-33,000
Lincoln Court	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	0
Laurel Homes		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Rental Rehab	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>1,946,000</u>	<u>1,946,000</u>	<u>1,946,000</u>	-454,000
Total Request	4,808,000	5,354,000	5,354,000	5,354,000	546,000

Consolidated Plan Budget Summary
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
2002 Budget Update

	2002 Approved	2002 Agency Request	2002 CDAB/HSAC Recomm.	2002 City Mgr Recomm.	Difference City Mrg Rec 2002 App
Department of Neighborhood Services					
Human Services Division					
Bethany House	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	0
Caracole House	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	0
Chabad House	43,300	43,300	43,300	43,300	0
ESG Administration	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0
Interfaith Hospitality Network	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
Lighthouse Youth Services	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	0
Mercy Franciscan at St. John's Temporary Shelter	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	0
Rapid Exit Program	103,200	103,200	103,200	103,200	0
The Drop Inn Center	215,000	215,000	215,000	215,000	0
Tom Geiger Guest House, Inc.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
YWCA Battered Women's Shelter	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Total Request	591,000	591,000	591,000	591,000	0

Consolidated Plan Budget Requests - Housing Objectives
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
2002 Budget Update

	2002 Approved	2002 Agency Request	2002 HOPWA Comm Recomm.	2002 City Mgr Recomm.	Difference City Mrg Rec 2002 App
Department of Neighborhood Services Housing Division					
AVOC–Housing Assistance and Case Management		\$266,115	\$198,276	\$198,276	*
Caracole–Housing and Supportive Services		\$227,000	\$203,770	\$203,770	*
NKIDHD–Housing Services		\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	*
City Admin. Costs (3% of grant amount)		\$13,890	\$13,000	\$13,000	*
AIDS Task Force of Southeast Central IN		\$14,101	\$4,000	\$4,000	*
Greater Cincinnati AIDS Consortium		\$13,020	\$0	\$0	*
Total Request	\$405,000	\$584,126	\$459,046	\$459,046	*

The HOPWA Advisory did not make 2002 recommendations during the 2001 Biennial Budget process. Applications for the different sources of funding available to providers of housing and supportive services to HIV/AIDS patients are considered on a year to year basis.

TABLE 1 - YEAR 2002 PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES REQUESTED

The CDBG Program has statutory funding limitations. Public service activities may comprise no more than 15% of the program year's entitlement grant amount, plus prior year program income.

The cap is calculated based on funds expended and encumbered within the program year.

	Recommended
<u>Housing Services</u>	
Housing Counseling Services	\$90,000
Tenant Representation	\$190,000
Tenant Assistance	\$45,000
Neighborhood Gardens Program	\$35,000
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	\$100,000
<u>Human/Youth Services</u>	
Credit Union/Economic Education	\$81,000
Back on the Block	\$65,000
<u>Economic/Job Development Services</u>	
Employment Initiatives/Vanpooling	\$391,000
Summer Youth Employment	\$300,000
PREP, Inc.	\$113,950
Job Training & Litter Control	\$130,000
Juvenile Delinquency Prevention	\$718,000
It Takes a Village Parenting Program	\$200,000
Youth Employment Initiative	\$275,000
Project IMPACT Over-the-Rhine	<u>\$160,000</u>
	\$2,893,950
<u>Basis for Cap</u>	
2000 Entitlement Grant (Estimated)	\$17,343,000
Prior Year Program Income (Estimated)	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
	\$20,343,000
Public Services Cap (15%)	\$3,051,450
Percent Public Services Requested & Recommended	14.23%

TABLE 2 - YEAR 2002 PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

The CDBG Program has statutory funding limitations. Planning and general administration activities are limited to 20% of the program year's entitlement grant plus program income. The cap is calculated based on funds expended and encumbered within the program year.

	Recommended
Unexpended Planning Activities from 2001	\$350,000
Fair Housing Services	\$205,000
Small Business Enterprise Program	\$25,590
Planning & General Administration	<u>\$2,981,370</u>
	\$3,561,960
<u>Basis for Cap</u>	
Entitlement Grant (Estimated)	\$17,343,000
Current Year Program Income (Estimated)	<u>\$2,900,000</u>
	\$20,243,000
Cap (20%)	\$4,048,600
Percent Planning and Administration	17.6%

For the purpose of HUD reporting, planning and administration activities include, but are not limited to program administration costs listed on page 4 of this document. HUD planning and administration activities include programs which directly benefit the community and are listed under other components in this document and in the Consolidated Plan. They also include programs funded in the prior year, but not yet expended. The basis for the cap does not equal the total 2002 Budget Update amount because the cap is based on the expected grant amount plus expected program income amount, and is not based on total resources.

TABLE 3 - YEAR 2002 SLUM/BLIGHT ACTIVITIES

The CDBG Program has statutory funding limitations. Activities which meet the national objective of slum and blight elimination may comprise no more than 30% of the expenditures in any given program year, with the balance of 70% benefiting low and moderate income persons. Prior year unexpended activities in this category must be included as potential expenditures in the next year.

Estimated Expenditures	Recommended
2002 Hazard Abatement/Barricade	\$527,500
2002 Brownfield Redevelopment	\$333,000
Emery Theater Renovation	\$50,000
Single Family Homesteading	\$50,000
Housing Development Round-Homeowners	\$300,000
Homeownership/Neighborhood Revitalization	\$125,000
Prior Years' Unexpended Projects	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
Total Potential Expenditures for 2002	\$3,885,500
<u>Basis for Cap</u>	
Estimated Annual Expenditures	\$20,800,000
Less Planning & Administration	-\$3,561,960
Less Sec. 108 Debt Service	<u>-\$431,500</u>
Amount Subject to Low/Mod Calculation	\$16,806,540
Potential Slum/Blight Expenditures as Percent of Basis	23.12%
Potential Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Families as Percent of Basis	76.88%

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Develop new and rehabilitated housing units suitable for home ownership by persons with low and moderate incomes. Performance information by program is provided in the table below.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Housing Development Round Homeowners	Housing Units	13	53	60			220
Homeownership/Neighborhood Revitalization	Housing Units	0	11	11			25
Homesteading	Housing Units	8	35	20			175
Lincoln Court	Housing Units	0	0	0			100
Laurel Homes	Housing Units	0	0	0			150
Totals	Housing Units	21	99	91			670

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB 2002	City Mgr 2002
Housing Development Round Homeowners				
CDBG	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
HOME	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,033,000

The purpose of the Housing Development Round (HDR) is to provide developer-assisted financing to foster housing rehabilitation and construction for both rental and homeownership projects that serve low-income and special need populations or which might also help in the removal of slum and blight conditions. The projects may be assisted through acquisition, demolition, site preparation, public infrastructure, building construction, rehabilitation, and related “soft” costs. The Housing Round is a competitive selection process in which for-profit and not-for-profit developers can submit applications for gap financing twice a year. In addition to the federal funds, the City-funded New Housing Development Program funds have also been included as a resource in the Housing Round. We are able to help developments not eligible for the Consolidated Plan programs through the New Housing Development Program funded through the City’s General Capital Budget.

The HDR CDBG Homeowners fund is, for the most part, directed at the rehabilitation of buildings for homeownership for low-income residents. In more limited instances, the account can also be used for the removal of area-wide blight and in special circumstances can be used by a not-for-profit for new construction. The HDR HOME Homeowners fund is directed at the rehabilitation or new construction of buildings for homeownership for low-income residents, that is, families with incomes that are eligible at or below the 80 percent median area income.

The CDBG and HOME 2002 Budget Update amounts for the Housing Development Round-Homeowners project are higher than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount in order to emphasize the City’s priority of increasing homeownership.

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB 2002	City Mgr 2002
Homeownership Neighborhood Revitalization				
CDBG	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

The Homeownership Neighborhood Revitalization Program is intended to address the goals set by City Council and expressed by various community representatives and in the Consolidated Plan to increase homeownership and provide some focused revitalization efforts in our neighborhoods. These funds allow the City to pursue those houses and vacant lots that are blighting influences on neighborhoods. Through acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction, blighted areas will be revitalized, and units will be made available for homeownership purposes.

Focus areas are defined as those areas where there are blighted properties in close proximity to each other, such as on the same street or sections of a neighborhood. This allows for the revitalization effort to have greater impact.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>CDAB</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>City Mgr</i> <u>2002</u>
Homesteading	CDBG	\$808,130	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Homesteading eliminates blighted buildings and provides the opportunity for home ownership to those who otherwise may not have the means to purchase safe and sanitary housing for themselves and their families. Funds are used to acquire residential property in need of rehabilitation and to administer the program. Rehabilitation funding is borrowed by the Homesteading family from commercial lenders. Average rehabilitation costs are \$50,000-\$70,000. Based on early experience, lead abatement may increase rehabilitation costs by as much as \$45,000-\$50,000. The Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation, a non-profit corporation, carries out various portions of the program. Community groups may work with the program to identify problem properties that will be purchased for Homesteading.

The 2002 Budget Update amount is higher than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount in order to emphasize the City's priority of increasing homeownership.

Objective 2: Assist low-income and moderate-income renters in making the transition to owner-occupancy.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Down Payment Assistance	Households	52	60	60			350
Housing Counseling Services	Households	542	382	360			1,500
Totals	Households	594	442	420			1850

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>Requested</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>CDAB</i> <u>2002</u>	<i>City Mgr</i> <u>2002</u>
Down Payment Assistance	CDBG	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

This program will provide down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers who are at or below 80 percent of area median income (80% of the area median income of \$60,500 is \$48,400 for a family of 4). This will result in stronger neighborhoods through home ownership and protect the

City's neighborhoods from housing blight by promoting home ownership within the City. The program is coordinated by the Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation and augments down payment assistance provided by that Foundation.

Down payment assistance grants are up to one-half the amount needed for down payment and closing costs (not to exceed \$2,000) to purchase a home costing not more than \$85,000 in the Greater Cincinnati area. The average grant amount over eight years has been \$1,230. The average cost per home has been \$54,929 with a household income average of approximately \$23,000. Applications for grants are made and pre-purchase counseling is required through the Better Housing League (BHL). Grant applicants are strongly encouraged to attend BHL pre- and post-purchase classes including "Life as a New Home Owner." They are expected to contact their BHL counselor for mortgage default prevention counseling at any time they are at risk of missing a mortgage payment.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Housing Counseling Services		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000

This program provides professional housing counseling services to homeowners and homebuyers in the City of Cincinnati through contracts with the Better Housing League and Greater Cincinnati Mortgage Counseling Services to encourage and facilitate homeownership in the City. Housing Counseling Services are available to both new home buyers and to current homeowners who are having difficulty making mortgage payments and handling other related responsibilities.

These agencies provide access to support services that promote home ownership for low- and moderate-income area residents in order to increase the awareness of home ownership choices within the City of Cincinnati and increase the level of home ownership in Cincinnati. This will result in stronger neighborhoods through home ownership and protect the City's neighborhoods from housing blight and homelessness.

Objective 3: Help low-income homeowners maintain ownership of their homes.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program	Housing Units	7	45	45			350
Housing Maintenance Services	Housing Units	1,134	500	500			2500
Housing Counseling Services	Housing Units	85	382	85			1000
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	Housing Units	-	50	50			
Totals	Housing Units	1,226	977	680			3850

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program (Safe Housing Program)		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$2,500,000	\$2,058,130	\$2,058,130	\$2,058,130

The Homeowner Rehab Loan Program (HRLP) Safe Housing Program will provide no-interest

deferred payment loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners to correct building code violations, improve accessibility, enhance energy conservation, and stabilize safe, sanitary housing citywide. The program will be managed on behalf of the City by the Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (HOC), formerly Neighborhood Housing Services. In conjunction with the City's loan funds, the HOC will be lending other funds for home improvements to new and existing homeowners.

Homeowners will apply through HOC to verify income eligibility. Eligible properties will be inspected by HOC construction specialists who will prepare construction specifications. The bid process for specified work will be conducted by HOC. HOC Loan Officers will determine the amount and terms of each loan, based on bids and the value of the property. The loans will be reviewed by the HOC Loan Committee.

The 2002 Budget Update amount is \$441,870 less than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount to reflect current program use. The administration and the Homeownership Center continue to reassess the program in order to increase its marketability.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Housing Maintenance Services		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$1,700,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

Housing Maintenance Services provides grants of emergency repairs and critical repairs to very low-income homeowners (below 50% of area median family income), most of whom are elderly. Emergency Services are limited to 2 emergencies per household per year with a 3rd emergency on a case-by-case basis. The maximum amount for an emergency repair is \$2,000. Critical repairs are those repairs critical to the safety of the client and the integrity of the home, and may not exceed \$5,000. Two contractors, People Working Cooperatively and NORMAR Corporation, provide these services. A total of 1,632 repairs to 500 households are expected to be made with this funding.

The 2002 Budget Update amount is \$100,000 more than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount to reflect current program need.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

This program, which was funded by the City for the first time in 2001, provides up to three months of mortgage payments for low income City of Cincinnati homeowners facing foreclosure due to job loss, illness, or death of the primary wage earner, or other circumstances beyond their control. Homeowners may receive this assistance to bring their loan current if they have reestablished an income stream to continue future mortgage payments.

The Better Housing League Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program began in April 1997 and has helped a total of 130 low-income households to avoid foreclosure. Of those local families tracked 12 months after receiving a grant, 82 percent have been successful in maintaining regular mortgage payments. All clients in mortgage trouble receive in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, a case management approach to identify service needs and link with other social service agencies.

Those receiving Emergency Mortgage Assistance grants/loans remain safely housed in their own home, their children remain in school, and there is a reduction of the community need for family emergency shelter beds. Eligible households from 35-50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) (\$21,175-\$30,250 for a family of four) would receive assistance in the form of grants. Households 50-80 percent of AMI (\$30,250-\$48,400 for a family of four) would receive no-interest loans, due when the home is sold or transferred. All previous grants have been limited to homeowners at or below 35 percent AMI due to eligibility requirements of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

The 2002 Budget Update amount is \$50,000 more than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount. The recommended budget amount of \$100,000 reflects program demand.

Objective 4: Develop rental units for very low-income and low-income households.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Housing Development Round Renters	Housing Units	57	117	80			300
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Housing Units	124	150	150			600
Lincoln Court	Housing Units	0	400	100			400
Laurel Homes	Housing Units	0		150			435
Totals	Housing Units	181	667	480			1735

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved 2002</i>	<i>Requested 2002</i>	<i>CDAB 2002</i>	<i>City Mgr 2002</i>
Housing Development Round – Renters				
CDBG	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$400,000
HOME	\$1,033,000	\$1,033,000	\$1,033,000	\$1,000,000

The purpose of the Housing Development Round (HDR) is to provide developer-assisted financing to foster housing rehabilitation and construction for both rental and homeownership projects that serve low-income and special need populations or which might also help in the removal of slum and blight conditions. The projects may be assisted through acquisition, demolition, site preparation, public infrastructure, building construction, rehabilitation, and related soft costs. The Housing Round is a competitive selection process in which for-profit and nonprofit developers can submit applications for gap financing twice a year. In addition to the federal funds, the City-funded New Housing Development Program funds have also been included as a resource in the Housing Round. We are able to help developments not eligible for the Consolidated Plan programs through the New Housing Development Program.

The HDR CDBG Rental fund is, for the most part, directed at the rehabilitation of multi-family buildings for rental occupancy by a majority of low-income residents. In more limited instances, the account can also be used for the removal of area-wide blight and in very special circumstances can be used by a not-for-profit for new construction. In any year, only 30 percent of the City's CDBG expenditures can be for the sole objective of slum and blight removal. The HDR HOME Renters fund is directed at the rehabilitation or new construction of buildings in which 90 percent of the HOME

assisted units must be occupied by families with incomes at or less than the 60 percent level (or \$36,300 for a family of four) of median area income. Families at or less than the 80 percent level (or \$48,400 for a family of four) of median area income must occupy the remaining 10 percent of units. In addition, all of the units have caps on the rents that can be charged.

The HOME 2002 Budget Update amount for the Housing Development Round-Homeowners project was increased by \$33,000 over the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount in order to emphasize the City's priority of increasing homeownership. This increase was offset by a corresponding decrease in the Housing Development Round – Renters program listed above.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Rental Rehabilitation Program		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
	HOME	\$2,400,000	\$1,946,000	\$1,946,000	\$1,946,000

This program provides funding for the moderate rehabilitation of rental housing units for rent to low income households. The Rental Rehabilitation Program will provide funding for projects containing three or more units per building.

The City provides up to 50% of the cost of rehabilitation or the maximum per bedroom unit subsidy, whichever is less (\$5,000, \$8,000, or \$13,000 for one-, two-, three- or more bedroom units). The funds are structured as a forgivable deferred payment loan for a term of five years. The loans will bear an interest rate of 8% for the entire term, compounded annually.

During the occupancy period of years 1-5, interest will be forgiven annually as long as the project remains in compliance with the Rental Rehab contract. The loan terms may be modified as necessary by the Program Manager to assist projects qualifying for low-income housing credits or projects having more than 40 units.

The HOME 2002 Budget Update amount is \$454,000 less than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount. This amount is needed in order to provide a portion of the funding needed for the Laurel Homes HOPE VI project in 2002, which was not considered in 2001 because funding agreements had not been finalized.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Lincoln Court		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000
	HOME	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000

The City is participating in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority's Lincoln Court HOPE VI Project. The project involves the demolition of 886 units of outdated public housing, construction of 250 new public housing units, 150 units of Low Income Housing Tax Credit-supported market rate units (low/mod income), 50 units of moderate income affordable ownership units, and 50 units of market rate housing. City funds will support required infrastructure and the affordable units. CMHA has provided Section 8 certificates for all residents who wanted them and have agreed that all who wish to stay may. CMHA is subject to the Uniform Relocation Act and has agreed that there will be no involuntary relocation except to accommodate the family's size. CMHA has been awarded a \$35

million Hope VI Grant for the project.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Laurel Homes		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	-	-	-	-
	HOME	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

The City is participating in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority's Laurel Homes HOPE VI Project. The project involves the demolition of 1,082 units of outdated public housing, construction of 184 new public housing units, 251 units of Low Income Housing Tax Credit-supported and market rate rental units, and 150 home ownership units. City funds will support required infrastructure and the affordable units. CMHA will provide Section 8 certificates for all residents in good standing who want them. CMHA is subject to the Uniform Relocation Act and has agreed that there will be no involuntary relocation except to accommodate the family's size. The City's total commitment to the development is \$9 million. The City intends to fund \$4 million in the form of a CDBG Section 108 loan. An application for HUD approval of the loan is expected to be submitted in 2002.

Funding for this project for \$1,000,000 was not considered in the biennial budget process because funding agreements were still being developed when the recommended budget was prepared.

Objective 5: Provide supportive services for very low-income and low-income renters that will enable them to find and keep affordable units.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Central Parkway Towers Rental Assistance	Households	55	50	20			250
Tenant Assistance (Relocation)	Households	2,454	3,000	2,454			10,000
Code Enforcement Relocation	Households	124	200	124			600
Tenant Representation	Households	2,921	3,200	3,000			15,000
Totals	Households	5,554	6,450	5,598			25,850

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Central Parkway Towers Rental Assistance Program		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

This project funds payments toward rental costs for very low-income single and two-person households in the Central Parkway Towers single-room occupancy (SRO) facility. The funds are administered by the Over-The-Rhine Housing Network and the Free Store who determine income eligibility of recipients. In 2001 the Freestore was awarded a Continuum of Care grant for the Freestore/Foodbank Permanent Housing Program. It will replace the current use of the SRO units by providing housing for disabled homeless individuals in efficiency and single room occupancy units within the Central Parkway Towers development. Current eligible recipients assisted under the CDBG

funded program are being referred to Section 8 and other federally assisted programs and no new persons are being enrolled.

The Central Parkway Towers Emergency Housing Program is expected to end on December 31, 2001. The department is requesting reduced funding for this project as a result of its phasing out. The requested funds would be available in case any current tenants have not yet transitioned to a different program by the end of 2001.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Tenant Assistance (Law-Relocation)		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG		\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

Each year, approximately 3,000 persons contact the Relocation Services Office requesting assistance in finding housing or seeking information about the various types of housing available. These persons are counseled on how and where to find housing. They are also provided with a list of housing managers and specific referrals may be given.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Code Enforcement Relocation		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG		\$145,290	\$149,240	\$145,290	\$145,290

This project allows the Relocation Services Office to pay the first month's rent or security deposit for persons moving to decent, safe and sanitary housing who have been displaced by code enforcement and/or the hazards of lead paint. Relocation staff take applications from low-income persons for subsidized housing and provide vacancy lists and management company lists to clients. The City assists approximately 150-200 displaced families/persons per year. Qualified participants receive up to \$650 for rental assistance and moving costs. In addition, low/moderate income clients receive guidance and housing referrals for securing affordable housing and subsidized housing.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Tenant Representation		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG		\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000

The Tenant Representation Program seeks to resolve housing problems for low-income families who rent by: 1) preventing retaliation against tenants who complain to the Health or Buildings and Inspections Departments, 2) restoring housing and utility service for tenants illegally locked out, 3) maintaining existing rental stock by getting landlords to improve substandard conditions, 4) providing legal advice to tenants to prevent housing crises, 5) preserving the affordable housing supply, and 6) preventing illegal discrimination in housing. The City contracts with the Legal Aid Society to provide these services.

Objective 6: Promote fair housing.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Fair Housing Services	Households	1,048	1,750	1,750			7,000
<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>		<i>CDAB</i>		<i>City Mgr</i>
Fair Housing Services		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>		<u>2002</u>		<u>2002</u>
CDBG		\$205,000	\$205,000		\$205,000		\$205,000

The City contracts with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, handicap, or familial status and to reduce unlawful discrimination in housing and increase integration throughout Cincinnati's neighborhoods. The program does complaint intake, investigation, counseling, and files legal complaints against persons, firms, or organizations suspected of discrimination in housing. The program serves those classes of people protected by the Federal Fair Housing Act. In addition, the program provides education for consumers, housing industry professionals, police officers, and school staff, as well as research and monitoring of government sponsored or assisted housing programs. Starting in 2001 funding was increased by \$10,000 to support a mediation program in conjunction with the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Owners Association.

Objective 7: Develop and support comprehensive efforts to revitalize neighborhoods while also expanding economic opportunities.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
NDC Support	Organizations	10	9	9			40
Technical Assistance to NDC's	Organizations	59	29	25			100
Over-the-Rhine Comprehensive Plan	N/A						
Totals		69	38	34			140

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
NDC Support		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG		\$440,000	\$440,000	\$440,000	\$440,000

The City supports neighborhood development corporations (NDC) to assist in housing production and economic development activities. In order to accomplish these objectives, the City provides a portion of operational budgets, based on a competitive application process. NDC provide a range of activities including predevelopment activities for housing and neighborhood redevelopment projects, implementation of funded projects, activities to stabilize and improve communities including coordination of planning, eliminating blight, and increasing affordable and diverse rental and homeownership opportunities.

The City has awarded contracts through an RFP process since 1995. An RFP has been completed for Year 2001 to 2003 funding. The recommendations for funding were made based on performance. A process of joint public-private review of applications has occurred in 1998 and 1999 for 1999 and 2000 funding and the current RFP process is also a joint review with the Greater Cincinnati Housing Alliance. This allows for greater scopes of work, increased capacity, and more flexible funding sources for NDC. In order to be funded, an NDC must be in compliance with all obligations to the City.

The following Neighborhood Development Corporations are presently eligible to receive renewal operating support grant funds in 2002 subject to past performance and the availability of funds. Applications are currently being received by the Department of Neighborhood Services and the list below may be subject to change based on actual applications received and the amount of funds requested.

Avondale Redevelopment Corporation
Cincinnati Housing Partners
Miami Purchase Preservation Fund
North Fairmount Community Center
Over the Rhine Housing Network
Race Street Tenant Association
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation
Women's Research and Development Center

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Technical Assistance to NDC		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$103,000

Technical assistance is provided to NDC and other nonprofit groups that pursue housing projects and other neighborhood development activities. The two agencies currently funded to provide this service are Neighborhood Development Corporations Association of Cincinnati (NDCAC) and Neighborhood Network Development Corporation (NNDC). Technical assistance services provided include training in computer applications, organizational development, predevelopment activities, and grant proposal writing. A one-time increase of \$30,530 in 2001 funded the development and publication of a training manual on the predevelopment planning and development of affordable housing.

Objective 8: Reduce blighting influences in residential neighborhoods.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Concentrated Code Enforcement	Housing Units	1,746	800	800			20,000
Hazard Abatement/Barricade	Housing Units	150	275	150			600
Neighborhood Gardens	People	1,275	7,850	8,000			5,000
Millcreek Restoration Project	Public Imp		0	1			
Cincinnati Lead Program	Housing Units		175	175			
Housing Round	Housing Units	11	50	50			50
Totals		3,187	9,150	9,176			25,650

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Concentrated Code Enforcement		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

House-to-house inspections are conducted from street-to-street in targeted areas to provide comprehensive inspection of areas in transition. This activity encourages development and improves housing. In general, housing inspection and zoning code enforcement is "complaint driven." However, Concentrated Code Enforcement is proactive and can be effective in turning around areas in decline or can boost neighborhoods on the way up. Inspection resources are concentrated in a specified neighborhood to make a visible difference. Traditional complaint driven inspections result in spotty enforcement and lesser impact on the neighborhood environment. Corrections achieved through Concentrated Code Enforcement involve repairing porches, windows, and siding; painting and removal of dilapidated garages, fences and sheds, junk cars and weeds. Owners receiving orders are informed of funding available through the Department of Neighborhood Services to correct violations. Areas are targeted for Concentrated Code Enforcement in cooperation with neighborhood community councils. Current target areas include Mt. Auburn, Madisonville, Over-the-Rhine, East Price Hill, Northside and other CDBG eligible neighborhoods upon request. Concentrated Code Enforcement requires additional inspection personnel due to the amount of work involved in inspecting and performing code enforcement on every house in a designated area.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Hazard Abatement/Barricade		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$527,500

The Barricade Program was initiated in 1993, for the purpose of securing vacant abandoned buildings against entry by trespassers. Vacant, open, and dilapidated buildings are an attractive nuisance to children, vandals, drug dealers and arsonists. The Barricade Program enables the City to secure these open buildings using sturdy, painted wood barricades bolted in place. This work also provides meaningful employment opportunity through the Cincinnati Institute for Career Alternatives, a non-profit agency. Condemned buildings are referred to the City's Demolition Program after normal code enforcement activities have been exhausted. Monthly "Public Nuisance Hearings" are conducted to determine if abandoned buildings are such a nuisance that demolition by the City is required. Criteria such as historic value, Community Council support, degree of fire and safety hazard, and factors depreciating property values and criminal activity associated with the buildings are considered. Removal of blighted buildings leads to stabilization and increased community safety, property value and livability of neighborhoods.

The Consolidated Plan 2002 Budget Update amount is \$40,000 higher than the previously 2002 Approved Budget amount. This funding increase maintains the program at the 2002 Approved Budget level after reallocating \$40,000 from the General Fund allocation to other uses.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Neighborhood Gardens		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000

The Neighborhood Gardens Program is used to transform vacant and blighted lots throughout the city into attractive, productive uses as Community Gardens. The program assists residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in developing these vacant lots into gardens, which can accommodate 10-30 families each. This allows participants to supplement tight food budgets with fresh grown produce, clean up and maintain their neighborhoods, as well as providing educational and recreational opportunities. This is especially true in inner city neighborhoods where green space is severely limited. School children are instructed in community and environmental stewardship through participation in classroom experiments, school gardens, and community gardens as a part of the Young Botanists Program. The Young Botanists Program consists of the Growlab Program, Garden Sprouts, the Schoolyard Initiative, the Summer Youth Garden Program, and Kids in the Garden. The program is designed so children have the opportunity to participate in all 5 components, experiencing horticultural education throughout the year.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Millcreek Restoration Project		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG		\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000

This project creates a greenway system within the riverine-riparian corridor of the Mill Creek. The Mill Creek is the most endangered urban river in North America. The small river flows through the heart of Cincinnati along economically depressed inner-city neighborhoods. This project provides planning and coordination services for greenway projects; volunteer recruitment for cleanup, and environment enhancing projects. The project's goals are to create innovative and sustainable greenway trails, parks, and other amenities within the riparian corridor of the Mill Creek and help revitalize neighborhoods located near the river's floodplain over the two-year period. This project has the support of the above noted communities, businesses and civic groups, and has already engaged a vast number of volunteer delivered services and improvements to the Mill Creek over the past few years.

This project was not funded during the biennial budget process, but was funded later during 2001 through an additional appropriation when additional resources became available. The recommended budget proposes continuation funding for this project.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Cincinnati Lead Program		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG		\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000

This project funds lead inspections of residences occupied by children who have been identified as having an elevated blood lead level (EBL). The Cincinnati Health Department has operated an environmental program to investigate the housing of lead poisoned children since the middle 1970's. Cincinnati has 40% of its housing stock built before 1940 and many of those units are occupied by low-income families and are in poor physical condition. The levels of lead paint are very high in the City's housing stock and the City has a concomitantly high level of lead poisoning incidents each year. This past year the program received more than 130 children referred to the office for investigations into the cause of their lead poisoning.

This project was not funded during the biennial budget process, but was funded later during 2001 through an additional appropriation when additional resources became available. The recommended budget proposes continuation funding for this project.

HOMELESS HOUSING OBJECTIVES

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds support the Consolidated Plan homeless objectives. Grant funding supports emergency shelter operations subject to a limitation of 10% for staff costs. Funds may also be used to renovate buildings for use as homeless shelters.

Objective 1: Support operations and essential services of current shelters and transitional housing providers at locations convenient and accessible to the homeless population.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Caracole House	Organization	1	1	1			
Bethany House	Organization	1	1	1			
Alice Paul House	Organization	1	1	1			
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Organization	1	1	1			
Drop Inn Center	Organization	1	1	1			
Mercy Franciscan at St John's	Organization	1	1	1			
Chabad House	Organization	1	1	1			
Lighthouse Youth Services	Organization	1	1	1			
Tom Geiger Guest House	Organization	1	1	1			
Second Mile Ministries	Organization	1					
TOTAL		10	9	9			42

Program Description		Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB/HSAC 2002	City Mgr 2002
Caracole House	ESG	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000

Caracole House provides an affordable alternative to nursing home placement for HIV/AIDs diagnosed persons unable to live independently due to financial, medical, or physical reasons. Caracole House is a licensed adult care facility and no other AIDS housing is available in Cincinnati.

Program Description		Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB/HSAC 2002	City Mgr 2002
Bethany House	ESG	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000

Bethany House Services, Inc. provides emergency shelter, meals, and transportation assistance to homeless, single parent females with children. The agency also provides transitional shelter for this population. In conjunction with housing, the agency provides supportive services, including case management, which helps families access public benefits; mental/physical health services; employment referrals; daily life skills training; and other family stabilization services. All services offered are to help the homeless family move to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Due to welfare reform, average length of stay for clients in the shelter has increased, thereby reducing the number of clients to be served annually.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Interfaith Hospitality Network		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

For homeless families with children, Interfaith provides emergency shelter, food, and services. The services include meals, private sleeping areas, guest phone, lounge, laundry, family counseling, housing assistance, job assistance, client advocacy, parenting skills training, budget management, nutrition training, thrift store, transportation to appointments and/or schools, and after-school tutoring for children.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
The Drop Inn Center		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000

The Drop Inn Center provides emergency shelter and services, including meals, showers, and clothing. Services are provided to homeless single individuals. In addition, the Drop Inn Center provides a continuum of services from survival needs to early intervention to long-term treatment and transitional housing to the homeless. Services include food, clothing, shelter, referrals, advocacy, detox, treatment, education, group meetings, and transitional housing. Other services offered are job readiness training and a savings program, which are intended to lead to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Funding includes \$3,000 to cover the costs of the annual “stand-down,” an event which provides comprehensive services to the homeless at a single location.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Mercy Franciscan at St. John’s		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000

The Temporary Housing Program operated by Mercy Franciscan assists homeless families in crisis with shelter, food, clothing and personal care items. The Temporary Housing Program provides clean, safe housing for entire families, assistance in finding permanent housing; counseling; life skills and financial management training; advocacy with landlords, courts, schools, and other agencies; emergency assistance (including rent/utility assistance); and referral to other agencies or programs. The Temporary Housing Program is located at 1231 Main Street and 200 East 13th Street.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Rapid Exit Program		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$103,200

The Rapid Exit Program operated by Mercy Franciscan assists persons residing in shelters or transitional living facilities in obtaining permanent housing more quickly and by shortening the length of stay in the shelter or transitional housing beds. Funds are designated to pay first month’s rents, security deposits, back utility bills and/or back rent bills, which are often the cause of a resident’s inability to move into permanent housing. Funds are limited for use by homeless persons in the Continuum of Care System facilities, which are located within the City of Cincinnati limits. The demonstration project began January 1, 2000. It was funded with unused prior year ESG funds.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Chabad House		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$43,300	\$43,300	\$43,300	\$43,300

Chabad House is one of the larger emergency shelter facilities that serve homeless families with children. Programs and services include emergency shelter, essential services, and supportive services to families residing in Hamilton County. Services include individual assessment, housing (24 months), transportation services, and assistance in applying for and obtaining other public benefits. Clients are also helped financially with rent deposit or first month's rent upon leaving the shelter. Potential clients are provided with hotel nights if there are no vacancies at the shelter. Funds to pay arrearages in rent, mortgage, and utilities are also provided.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Lighthouse Youth Services		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000

Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center is a twenty-four hour accessible emergency residential facility that provides respite and stabilization, crisis intervention, family and individual counseling for runaways and other youth. Funding also supports the Lighthouse Transitional Living Program, which provides housing and supportive services to homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 22. The goal of the program is to enable homeless youth to learn sufficient skills and live on their own by reinforcing practical self-sufficiency skills and by providing counseling. Other supportive services include vocational assistance, job preparation and job referrals. Reunification with the family is also attempted.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Tom Geiger Guest House, Inc		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Tom Geiger Guest House, Inc. provides transitional housing in furnished apartments to homeless women and their children. Through partnership with Bethany House Services and the YWCA, residents are provided with supportive services such as counseling, case management, support groups, money management, parenting, self-esteem, and other social skills. In the year 2000, Tom Geiger expanded the transitional housing program by 12 units, bringing the total number of transitional units to 24 available for homeless women and their children.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
The YWCA Battered Women's Shelter		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

The YWCA Battered Women's Shelter provides emergency and supportive services and shelter to battered women and children who are homeless or in need of protective shelter or crisis assistance because of domestic violence. The goal of the Battered Women's Shelter is to provide safe, protective shelter and the necessary supportive services for homeless battered women and their children, to move them towards self-sufficiency and living independently and free from violence. Funds for this project will support agency operating costs for shelter services and supportive services provided to victims of domestic violence.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
ESG Administration		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	ESG	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500

These funds will partially cover the City's cost to administer the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Objective 2: Renovate emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Anna Louise Inn	Public Facility	0		1			
Drop Inn Center	Public Facility			1			
Mercy Franciscan at St. John's Improvements	Public Facility		1	1			
Tender Mercies Interior improvements	Public Facility			1			
Tom Geiger Guest House	Public Facility			<u>1</u>			
Totals		0	1	5			14

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Anna Louise Inn		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Anna Louise Inn provides transitional housing to low- and moderate-income single women and women with children. The Inn provides case management, a secure building, affordable rent, and prevents many low- and moderate-income single women from being homeless. The Inn's emergency shelter program provides housing and case management services for homeless female heads of household and their children. Renovation activities include bathroom improvements and interior lighting.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Drop Inn Center Roof Replacement		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000

The Drop Inn Center remains the largest shelter facility in the city. Shelter and support services have enabled homeless residents to stabilize their lives, move into permanent housing, and become self-sufficient. The roof has begun to leak over the shelter and dining area. Funds were initially allocated to remove and replace the existing roof; however, it was discovered that a defective HVAC unit is causing some of the roof

leaks. Funding in 2002 will replace the defective HVAC unit. Roof repairs would be initiated after the HVAC unit is installed.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Mercy Franciscan at St. John's (Main Street)	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$19,400	\$19,400	19,400	\$19,400

This project upgrades the durability of the apartment units to withstand frequent turnovers. Improvements to the apartments and common hallway keep the building in good repair and in compliance with the City's building codes. Gutter replacement and exterior painting will preserve the structural integrity of the building and prevents interior water damage from faulty gutters. The agency provides emergency shelter for families. Residents receive support services to assist in moving them into permanent housing and stabilizing their lives.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Tender Mercies Window Replacement	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

Tender Mercies, Inc. provides safe and affordable housing and individualized supportive services to homeless persons with histories of mental illness. Work requested is for 46 new windows and frames.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Tom Geiger Guest House Window Replacement	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000

Tom Geiger Guest House, Inc., provides transitional housing for homeless women and their children. The agency is in need of repairs to the Geiger facility, replacing 10 windows in the gym/auditorium and replacing and/or repairing windows and doors on the northern side of the building.

Homeless objectives 3 through 9 have no funding in the four entitlement programs of the Consolidated Plan Budget in 2002. Funding for these objectives is typically provided through the Shelter Plus Care grant, the Continuum of Care process, and other sources outside of the Consolidated Plan budget but are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

Objective 3: Improve operations in the network of Continuum Of Care providers. Assess and modify the Quick Access System to better utilize the existing units (June 2000). Design a method for adjusting to seasonal shifts in homelessness by creating capacity for seasonal emergency beds (January 2001). Establish a uniform set of data and methods for collecting homeless data (July 2001). These are planning objectives to be carried out by the joint Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care.

New funding for the Drop Inn Center has alleviated some of the overcrowding in the men's shelters during the winter. Summer continues to be a problem for families. Documentation of the extent of the problem is underway. The Quick Access Program housed at Central Parkway Towers is in the process of shutting down and being replaced with Service-enriched permanent housing, under the Continuum of Care.

A uniform set of data and collection methods have been established for the Family Shelter System. VESTA, the IMS system has been operational now for a year. The HMIS system for the entire COC is currently under development. The City supported the effort with a \$50,000 planning grant using CDBG funds. Caracole, Inc. for the COC has applied for a \$1.4 million implementation grant, to expand the IMS system-wide over a three-year period as part of the 2001 COC application.

Objective 4: Provide Shelter Plus Care or other permanent housing for homeless persons with disabilities.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Caracole, Inc.	Persons Homeless	211	177	177			
Excel	Persons Homeless	152	148	148			
Lighthouse	Persons Homeless	39	60	60			
Talbert House	Persons Homeless	<u>114</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>149</u>			
Totals		516	534	534			400

The 2001 COC application included a one-year renewal for the 1995 Shelter Plus Care grant. This grant will provide continued subsidies for 74 units of housing to homeless persons with disabilities. These subsidies will be administered by Caracole, Excel Development Company, Lighthouse Youth Services, and Talbert House. The subsidies enable: 16 seriously mentally ill, 20 chronic substance abuser, 13 disabled youth, 25 HIV/AIDS persons/families, most with dual diagnosis, to be housed though 51 one-bedroom, 13 two-bedroom, and 7 three-bedroom and 3 four-bedroom units.

Objective 5: Renew eligible, evaluated Supportive Housing Program (SHP) services-only or services-included assistance. The programs to be renewed will be identified during the Continuum of Care Process in 2001.

Of the 14 programs supported in the 2001 COC grant application, 5 programs were eligible for renewal and all were ranked for inclusion in the application. These programs include: the YWCA's Domestic Violence Transitional Housing program, the Center for Independent Living Options Homeless Disabilities Expansion Program, First Step Home's Turner Home, the Cincinnati Health Networks Substance Abuse Treatment Program, and Chabad House's Homeless Transportation Project.

Objective 6: Create Supportive Housing Program at Franciscan Home Development.

The Supportive Housing Program at Franciscan Home Development is being implemented and currently is at full capacity. Funding was provided through a 1999 Continuum of Care grant.

Objective 7: Develop new or rehabbed service-enriched housing units.

The 2000 COC application included two new permanent service-enriched housing programs: 1) the Free Store/Food Bank Housing Placement Program at the Central Parkway Towers – which is currently in the rent up phase, and 2) the Volunteers of America Central Parkway Program which has rented up all 50 of its units to homeless persons. The 2001 COC application included new permanent

housing programs – First Step Home’s Neave Street Permanent Housing Program; Center for Independent Living Option’s Permanent Housing Rental Assistance Program; and the House of Hope’s Hope Permanent Housing Program.

Objective 8: Develop new or rehabbed scattered-site transitional housing units.

The 2001 COC application has included one new transitional housing program which is a cooperative effort between Tom Geiger Guest House and Talbert House.

Objective 9: Create one new Continuum of Care services-only program annually. New programs will be developed through the City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care process.

The 2001 COC application process included a new Full Circle Treatment Program for women at the Drop Inn Center, new services only support for Joseph House’s Moses 2 and 3 transitional housing program, and a new job training program for the homeless – America Packsit at VOA.

HOUSING OBJECTIVES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

The HOPWA Advisory Committee did not make budget recommendations for 2002 during the Biennial Budget process. The HOPWA Advisory Committee makes budget recommendations on a year-to-year basis.

Objective 1: Provide operational support for 20 beds of congregate, transitional housing for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Caracole House	Persons with Special Needs	34	25	30			100

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	HOPWA Ad 2002	City Mgr 2002
Caracole Residential Facilities Operation HOPWA	-	\$62,500	\$41,370	\$41,370

Caracole will continue its direct housing services at both Caracole House, a licensed congregate residence for those who have been disabled or displaced by HIV/AIDS and at Caracole Recovery Community, a transitional housing facility for HIV/AIDS residents who are in substance abuse addiction recovery. Operation costs include rent, utilities, food and household supplies, maintenance costs, and direct support staff salaries and benefits.

Objective 2: Provide direct services for persons with HIV/AIDS, including housing assistance, supportive services and linkages to medical support.

Program	Indicator	2000 Goal	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
AVOC Case Management	Persons with Special Needs	253	300	134			1500
Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department	Persons with Special Needs						250
Caracole Shelter Plus Care	Persons with Special Needs		110	220			
AIDS Task Force of Southeast Central Indiana	Persons with Special Needs			50			
Totals		253	410	404			1,750

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	HOPWA Ad 2002	City Mgr 2002
Caracole Shelter Plus Care Services HOPWA	-	\$130,500	\$128,400	\$128,400

Since 1993, Caracole has been the City's provider of Shelter Plus Care tenant-based rental assistance for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS through HUD's Continuum of Care funding process. The Shelter Plus Care program will continue to provide subsidies for homeless individuals and families with HIV/AIDS and HOPWA funds will, in part, match the value of those subsidies with outreach services, case management, and supportive services for clients.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
AVOC Case Management		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	HOPWA	-	\$188,706	\$150,126	\$150,126

Case management and services will be provided, with special attention given to clients who are dually diagnosed with an additional disability, such as substance abuse or mental illness. This process is facilitated through AVOC's Case Management Coordinator, who maintains collaborations within the Greater Cincinnati HIV/AIDS Case Management Network, a consortium of HIV/AIDS service providers located throughout the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) which includes various substance abuse and mental health agencies.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
AIDS Task Force of Southeast Central Indiana		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	HOPWA	-	\$14,101	\$4,000	\$4,000

This project would create a grass roots outreach program in SE Central Indiana. It is designed to establish a central entry point for HIV/AIDS services and increase awareness, education and prevention activities in surrounding communities. This program will also provide testing/ counseling services, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS care coordination and targeted pre- and perinatal care coordination.

Objective 3: Provide short-term rent, mortgage or utility assistance to persons with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC)	Persons with Special Needs	170	186	152			950
Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department	Persons with Special Needs	42	42	50			1,150
Totals		212	228	202			2,100

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
AVOC Short -Term Housing Assistance		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	HOPWA	-	\$60,000	\$48,150	\$48,150

This project is a continuation of AVOC's existing housing assistance program to provide short-term rent/mortgage/utility assistance and outreach to persons with HIV/AIDS throughout the Greater Cincinnati EMSA.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
No. Kentucky Independent District Health Dept.	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
HOPWA	-	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

These short-term rent/mortgage/utility funds will be available to individuals and families with HIV/AIDS throughout Northern Kentucky in an effort to assist them in remaining in independent living situations and maintaining their existing housing. In addition, this funding provides for assistance in locating and securing housing when persons with HIV/AIDS are homeless.

Objective 4: Create an improved housing information system for use in housing and case management for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC)	Organizations	6					8
Caracole	Organizations		65	65			
Greater Cincinnati AIDS Consortium							

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Caracole Housing Information Services	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
HOPWA	-	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000

Caracole's SOPHIA (Social Services On-Line Personal Helper and Information Assistant) is a cooperative and collaborative electronic information system originally funded by HOPWA in 1993. Since then, SOPHIA has expanded from a limited housing listing service to an area-wide social services database currently utilized by 65 agencies serving over 40,000 clients. Through the SOPHIA project, Caracole has become a regional leader in developing innovative networks for AIDS-related health, housing and service agencies. In 1999, SOPHIA received designation as a HUD "Best Practice" (it has also been nominated in 2000), and was recently given the Ohio HUD 2000 Recognition Award.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>HOPWA Ad</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Greater Cincinnati AIDS Consortium	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
HOPWA	-	-	-	-

To facilitate improved HIV/AIDS service delivery and overall integration of HIV/AIDS care in Greater Cincinnati, the HOPWA Advisory Committee agreed in 2000 to offer administrative support to the Greater Cincinnati AIDS Consortium. This effort has received support from other sectors of the HIV/AIDS care community and additional funds are requested from all these sources, included HOPWA, to continue the work of establishing GCAC as the regional authority for all HIV/AIDS services. Funding for this project is

not available under current resource estimates. Should additional resources become available, funding in the amount of \$13,020 will be requested.

Objective 5: Assist two organizations provide improved housing information services for persons with HIV/AIDS to the African-American community and substance abuse providers.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC)	Organizations	1	1				1
Caracole	Organizations	0					1
Totals		1	1				2

There are no projects recommended under this objective in 2002 because no project funding requests were received. AVOC received funding in 2000 and 2001 specifically to accomplish this objective. AVOC continues providing information using existing resources.

Objective 6: Upgrade the facilities of two service providers who serve persons with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC)	Public Facility	0	0	0			1
Caracole	Public Facility	1	1	0			1
Totals		1	1	0			2

There are no projects recommended under this objective in 2002. Caracole submitted a funding request during the Biennial Budget process, which was funded in 2001.

Objective 7: Provide planning support to organizations in Northern Kentucky in developing housing solutions for single men with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department	Organizations						1

No additional funding is provided in the 2002 Consolidated Plan Budget. Unexpended funds remaining from the 2000 Budget will be used to more fully assess the need for specialized housing solutions in Northern Kentucky.

Objective 8: Provide housing counseling services to frail elderly persons.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Housing Counseling Services	Persons with Special Needs	14	25	25			400

Funding for this objective is provided under Housing Counseling, described on page 13.

Objective 9: Provide home repair services to frail elderly persons.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Housing Maintenance Services	Persons with Special Needs	242	80	125			400

Funding for this objective is described under Housing Maintenance Services on page 14.

Objective 10: Provide home repair and accessibility upgrade services to persons with disabilities.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Housing Maintenance Services	Persons with Special Needs	186	40	120			200

Funding for this objective is described under Housing Maintenance Services on page 14.

Objective 11: Help one service organization a year make significant upgrades to its facilities.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Talbert House	Public Facilities	0	0	1			5

Program Description

Talbert House Boiler Replacement

CDBG

Approved

2002

\$40,000

Requested

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\$40,000

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\$40,000

City Mgr

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\$40,000

Talbert House is a multi-service agency providing programs to house and administer supportive services to clients from the criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems. Work includes replacement of the boiler and old forced-air heating units with an energy efficient heating and air unit.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEEDS

YOUTH OBJECTIVES

Youth Objective 1: Provide job training and work experience for youth.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Youth Employment Initiatives	Youth	61	64	64			700
Summer Youth Employment	Youth			63			
Job Training & Litter Control	Youth	27	44	44			100
Project IMPACT Over-the-Rhine	Youth	95	100	100			225
Totals	Youth	183	208	271			1025

Program Description		Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB 2002	City Mgr 2002
Youth Employment Initiatives	CDBG	\$ 186,0000	\$275,000	\$285,740	\$275,000

Youth Employment Initiatives, also called the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), is an incentive program for at-risk youth operated by Citizens Committee on Youth (CCY). Youth accepted in the program are assigned to worksites for a wide variety of nonprofit organizations. The program networks with other CCY programs, referring youths to CCY's Employment and Training Division, Rent-A-Kid, and the Community Youth Service Bureaus. The Community Youth Service Bureaus' staff provides case management services for YCC, including counseling, mentoring, parent meetings, and seminars for parents and youth.

Communities served are Avondale, Carthage, Corryville, East Price Hill, Evanston, Lower Price Hill, South Cumminsville, Mt. Auburn, Over-the-Rhine, East Price Hill, Walnut Hills, West End, Bond Hill, Fairview/Clifton Heights, East End, North Fairmount/English Woods, Fay Apartments, Madisonville, Milvale, Northside, Lower Price Hill, Roselawn, Evanston/East Walnut Hills, and Winton Hills.

Due to expected resource levels, the 2002 Approved Budget included an amount of \$186,000 for this program, reflecting a significant reduction from the 2001 approved amount of \$275,000. Funding for this program is recommended at the 2001 level.

Program Description		Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB 2002	City Mgr 2002
Summer Youth Employment	CDBG	-	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

CDBG funds will be used to provide summer employment opportunities for low-income youth who are residents of Cincinnati. This program was previously funded by the City under the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program until JTPA was terminated by Congress in June 2000. In 2000, this program was funded through a cooperative effort between the City and the Hamilton County Department of Human Services. Previous summer youth employment programs involved funding from a variety of public and private organizations; the continued involvement and support of other

public and private sector organizations for future summer youth employment programs cannot be guaranteed.

This program was not funded with CDBG funds during the 2001/2002 Biennial Budget process but in May 2001 City Council appropriated an amount of \$300,000 for a 2001 Summer Youth Employment Program operated by the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. This funding request would continue funding for the program.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
Job Training and Litter Control				
CDBG	\$119,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000

The Job Training and Litter Control Program, operated through Cincinnati Institute for Career Alternatives (CICA), is a youth/adult work experience program whereby the youth crews are employed to aid in the removal of litter and yard waste in various lots after enforcement action has been taken by the Health Department. Adult crews, working year round, are trained in the use of power equipment that they use to remove weeds and debris. In addition to the training received and work performed, participants acquire positive work ethics and behavioral skills that transfer to other employment positions. Participants are also trained in safety methods. This program provides employment and experience for youth in summer, and also removes health hazards.

Due to expected resource levels, the 2001 and 2002 Approved Budgets included amounts of \$115,000 and \$119,000, respectively for this program, reflecting a significant reduction from the 2000 approved amount of \$130,000. Funding for this program is recommended at the 2000 level.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
Project Impact Over-The-Rhine				
CDBG	\$75,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000

This project will improve the appearance of a neighborhood and will impact City clean-up operations by the Solid Waste Division. This project provides employment and job training opportunities for inner-city youth who assist in cleaning and maintenance of the Findlay Market area and Over-The-Rhine neighborhood. Over-the-Rhine is characterized by unemployment, deteriorated buildings and trash-ridden streets and sidewalks. This project takes into account these problems and addresses them by hiring local unemployed youths to clean up sidewalks, vacant lots, streets, and alleys. It also trains youth in job responsibilities, maintenance work, and work ethics. The Market House Renovation Project is underway and the City is planning to abate rents for Market House vendors during the 18 month construction period.

Project Impact OTR has provided services under two separate contracts with the City: one funded using CDBG funds (approximately \$75,000); and one funded through Findlay Market Fund 405 (approximately \$85,000). The activities under each contract are nearly identical and use the same participants (local youth). Because the Market House is undergoing extensive renovations, there will be a dramatic decrease in Market House vendor rental income to Fund 405. As a result, a combined contract funded solely from CDBG funds is recommended for 2002 until the renovation project is completed. This represents an increase of \$85,000 from the 2002 approved budget amount of \$75,000.

Youth Objective 2: Provide social services and constructive activities to at-risk children and youth.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Back on the Block	Youth	30,465	50,000	50,000			275,000
Juvenile Delinquency Prevention	Youth	8,764	4,000	4,542			20,000
It Takes a Village	Youth	280	300	273			1,000
Totals	Youth	39,509	54,300	54,815			296,000

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
CHRC Back-On-The-Block		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

Back-On-The-Block is a community-based program in eighteen neighborhoods for predominantly low-income youth. Programs provide a variety of experiences and services, including self-improvement, job training, cultural enrichment, and other activities that build pride and leadership skills.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Juvenile Delinquency Prevention		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$718,000	\$718,000	\$718,000	\$718,000

The Citizens' Committee on Youth (CCY) operates this program. The Community Youth Service Bureau (CYSB) and the Juvenile Court Liaison Program (JCLP) are vital components of this program. CYSB field offices provide referrals for youth employment, education, training, and cultural enrichment. JCLP is a youth diversion program designed to divert first time juvenile offenders from the official juvenile justice system.

Programs and services provided are individual and family consultation, which also includes establishing written service plan goals; family intervention, such as the Juvenile Offenders Program; case management service; youth advocacy; youth diversion via unofficial Juvenile Court hearings; and the Cincinnati Juvenile Curfew Program, which includes on-site consultation with curfew violators.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
It Takes a Village		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

CCY operates It Takes a Village Parenting Program, a surrogate parenting program. Services include tutoring; referrals to appropriate agencies for identified needs of the family; mentoring to provide emotional support, foster self esteem, and nurturing a safe environment; organized activities that address social norms such as hygiene, diversity, life skills, and social interactions; education in the areas of child abuse and neglect, substance abuse prevention, safety, and conflict resolution; and role modeling parenting techniques for the biological parents. This program also increases and develops employment opportunities by hiring community residents for positions of surrogate parents. It Takes a Village aims to interrupt the effects of poverty and crime on the target population of children ages 5 – 13. It aims to protect children who may be

subject to physical and/or emotional harm, assist youth in their adjustment to social environments, and provide a safe environment.

The number of program sites will be reduced in the year 2001. The sites that are being closed have other youth programs that will continue to operate in the facilities. There is a possibility that some additional sites will open in new locations in 2001. However, the same communities will be served.

PUBLIC FACILITIES OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Provide funding assistance to renovate or construct facilities for the delivery of public services.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Boys & Girls Club	Public Facilities	0					
Crossroads Child Development Center	Public Facilities	0					
Victory Neighborhood Services Avon Center	Public Facilities						
Child Care Facility	Public Facilities	0					
C.C.A.T.	Public Facilities	1	1				
WIN Phase II Renovation	Public Facilities		1	1			
West End Health Center	Public Facilities		1				
Elm Street Clinic Renovation	Public Facilities			1			
HOPE	Public Facilities		1				
Rainbow of Hope Parenting Center	Public Facilities			1			
TOTAL		1	4	3			15

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Rainbow of Hope Parenting Center	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000

This agency requested funds to rehabilitate three facilities for their programs: a group home for pregnant teens, a residential parenting facility, and a child day care facility. Each facility must be renovated to comply with various codes and city, state, and federal license requirements as applicable to each program component. Phase I completely renovates the Residential Parenting Center and includes some needed exterior improvements required to weather seal the building. In addition, accessibility issues will also be addressed. Work includes general construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and fire safety systems.

All Rainbow of Hope, Inc. programs and services are designed to flow together to provide a total support system for mother and child. The pregnant teens will come into the group home and receive support services until time of delivery. After delivery, the girls will return to the residential parenting facility to continue related services. On-site child day care will be provided so their growth and education can continue. Seminars on "Family Management" and "Blended Families", along with other topics on the bonding of mother and child, will be offered to help meet emotional, physical and relational needs.

The 2002 funding recommendation is for the Residential Parenting Center only and is contingent on the agency raising other funding through a capital campaign and identifying adequate operating funding.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Working in Neighborhoods	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Funds are requested to renovate the former St. Pius primary school building in South Cumminsville to become a site for economic learning and other community services. Phase II renovation includes floor

covering, resilient base, acoustic ceiling. Interior painting, doors, bathrooms, upgrade of electric system and lights, HVAC, plumbing, and ADA accessibility improvements.

The focus of WIN is threefold: community organizing, community housing and economic development, and leadership training. The development of the WIN Economic Learning Campus will assist WIN in achieving the vision of providing economic opportunities to residents of the Mill Creek Valley.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Elm Street Clinic Renovation		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	-	\$375,000	\$175,000	\$175,000

The Elm Street Health Center is a full service clinic. It provides adult medical services, ob/gyn, pediatrics, dental, and WIC. The current design of the clinic results in very crowded conditions that spill into the halls. This funding would increase the WIC office space, will increase the waiting area of Vital Records, and will improve the efficiency of the clinic by locating most clinic services on the same floor.

This is a new project funding request. Due to limited resources, the administration recommends phasing the \$375,000 need over a two-year period.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Human Services Project Implementation		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$89,380	\$40,380	\$40,380	\$40,380

A separate account for project implementation is a cost-effective method for handling in-house services and reimbursing City Departments for services rendered. This account also pays for architectural services for Human Services administered renovation projects which are contracted for centrally. Funds normally deducted from each project to cover reproduction and printing, permit and legal fees, and other related expenditures are covered under this account, thereby allowing the agency or agencies to use limited resources for actual work items. Various improvement needs and renovations will be completed at different non-profit facilities.

A \$49,000 reduction proposed in the 2002 Budget Update reflects actual need based on previous program utilization.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Human Services Lead Safe Reserve		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$113,690	\$113,690	\$113,690	\$113,690

These funds are a reserve for the unforeseen costs to assess lead risks in human service facilities undergoing renovation work, to provide for hazard reduction, and to pay for clearance procedures in these renovation projects. Past projects where lead risks were identified after funds were allocated experienced significant cost overruns. This reserve is designed to provide a source for lead-related costs not a part of the original project budget.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB/HSAC</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Human Services and CDBG Administration	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$159,200	\$159,200	\$159,200	\$159,200

The City staff costs for implementing the CDBG and ESG programs are budgeted in this project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Provide economic education and basic banking services as well as access to credit for residents and businesses.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Credit Union Services – OTR	Persons	1,148	1,500	1,750			7500

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB/HSAC 2002	City Mgr 2002
Credit Union Services – OTR CDBG	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000

Smart Money Community Services in conjunction with the Cincinnati Central Credit Union operates a branch credit union in the Over-the-Rhine community. In addition to banking and check cashing services, Smart Money provides financial counseling and education, tax assistance, and other services to the low income population in the Over-the-Rhine area.

Objective 2: Promote industrial and commercial redevelopment by assembling land and/or improving site and infrastructure conditions.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Brownfields/Industrial Redevelopment	Businesses	0	2	1			4
Community Action Agency	Businesses		0	1			1
Totals		0	2	2			5

Program Description	Approved 2002	Requested 2002	CDAB 2002	City Mgr 2002
Brownfields/Industrial Redevelopment CDBG	\$458,340	\$458,340	\$333,000	\$333,000

This project will facilitate the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites. The redevelopment of these sites may be complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The purpose of this project is to redevelop under-used property. The funds may be used to acquire property, remediate contamination where such is present, and/or construct public improvements to facilitate redevelopment of brownfield or other sites.

A 2002 Budget Update reduction of \$125,340 from the previously 2002 Approved Budget reflects actual need based on previous program utilization.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Community Action Agency at Swifton Commons	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$507,000

The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) has identified the Elder Beerman building at Swifton Commons mall as a location for its new corporate operations and Head Start facility and requested a \$1 million contribution from the City. Additional funding of approximately \$8 million from federal, state and private sources would be necessary to finance the project. The City's funding would be used to abate and prepare the Elder Beerman building for renovations. This project was identified in the Seymour Avenue Business District Redevelopment Strategy, approved by the City Planning Commission and City Council.

Objective 3: Encourage micro-enterprises and small business development within the City, with an emphasis on minority and women-owned enterprises.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Small Business Loan Fund	Businesses	1	6	6			35
Cincinnati Business Incubator	Businesses	32	20	7			21
Grtr. Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative	Individuals	-	175	100			175
Small Business Technical Assistance	Businesses	32	2	2			10
Jobs for People	Jobs	12	0	0			20
Small Business Enterprise Program	Businesses	231	250	250			1,000
Microenterprise Development Program	Persons	-	100	100			240
TOTAL			553	465			1501

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Cincinnati Business Incubator	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000

This project will provide funds for operating support for Cincinnati Business Incubator (CBI). CBI will assist individuals, with emphasis on minorities and women, in the start-up and growth of their businesses through the provision of training, shared professional services, and office space for incubation.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$1,040,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

The Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund (CSBLF) is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program managed by the Department of Economic Development. This revolving loan fund is used to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses located in the City of Cincinnati that create or retain jobs for city residents, or provide benefit to residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

The Cincinnati Small Business Loan Fund gives priority to projects that create or retain jobs for low-to moderate-income citizens. Loan financing may not exceed 50% of the funds needed to finance a project, with at least 10% owner equity. Typical loan amounts are between \$25,000 and \$100,000. Business startups are generally not financed. Loans are made on a first-come, first-serve basis following application and review by the Loan Review Committee.

The 2002 Approved Budget provided funding for this program in the amount of \$1,040,000 reflecting an increase for inflation over the 2001 approved amount of \$1,000,000. Funding for this program in 2002 Budget Update is recommended at the prior funding level of \$1,000,000 to balance the budget.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$100,000	\$44,000

The Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative (GCMi) is funded in part by a consortium of four local banks, the United Way, and the Hamilton County Community Action Agency. The requested funding will provide operating support for expanded technical assistance to low- and moderate-income city residents starting their own businesses. GCMi relies on a pool of loan funds provided by its bank consortium to provide microenterprise loans ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 for its clients. Assistance is available to clients citywide; however, clients served to date have primarily been in the neighborhoods of the Reading Road corridor: Avondale, Roselawn, Bond Hill, and Walnut Hills neighborhoods.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Microenterprise Development Program	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$125,000	\$50,000

Operated by Smart Money Community Services, this program supports six to eight microenterprise training classes per year targeted at residents in the Findlay Market Neighborhood Business District and the Over-the-Rhine and West End neighborhoods. The program is looking to expand its services citywide. The training focuses on self-employment opportunities in the areas of retail sales/street vending, food preparation, health care and child care. Participants who successfully complete the 12-week program will be provided with access to microloans, technical assistance and referrals to additional training opportunities. Opportunities for new entrepreneurs, especially low-income neighborhood residents, to participate in the renovation and expansion of Findlay Market are stressed through the training program.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Small Business Technical Assistance	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

This project provides technical assistance in the form of accounting services, appraisals, environmental assessments, management and inventory control audits, and vacancy mitigation plans to any business, including certified minority or women business enterprises. Grants to non-profit organizations engaged in business development or expansion may be made. In addition, the funding will support

services such as the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Enterprise Mentoring Program.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Small Business Enterprise Program	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$25,590	\$25,590	\$30,000	\$25,590

The Small Business Enterprise Program is operated by the City's Office of Contract Compliance In August 1999, City Council passed this program, which is a race and gender neutral program to replace the Equal Business Opportunity Program. The purpose of this program is to promote the economic welfare of the people of the City of Cincinnati; to mitigate the effects of discrimination against SBE; and to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City of Cincinnati by assisting SBEs to actively participate in the City's procurement process and by working to eliminate SBE discrimination in both public and private markets. Some of the elements of the new program are development of a directory and handbook on City procurement procedures, outreach efforts to raise the consciousness of small businesses, assistance with bonding requirements, and training opportunities and seminars that will enhance small businesses. It is the goal of this program to assist small businesses thereby creating job opportunities in the process.

Objective 4: Provide public improvements to support revitalization of neighborhood business districts.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
NBD Property Holding Expenses	Businesses	13	4	4			
Prior Year NBD Projects	Businesses	30	88				
Clifton Heights Neighborhood Park Study	Businesses			35			
University Village Urban Design Plan	Businesses			66			
E. Walnut Hills Parking Lot	Businesses			5			
OTR Main Street Signage	Businesses			60			
OTR Vine Street Signage	Businesses			69			
Bond Hill Resource Center	Businesses			4			
Avondale Parking – Mom's Restaurant	Businesses			4			
Walnut Hills McMillan Streetscape	Businesses			20			
Lower Price Hill 8 th & State Streetscape	Businesses			6			
Madisonville Spectrum Building	Businesses			5			
Walnut Hills E-Commerce Center	Businesses			5			
Findlay Market Revitalization	Businesses			30			
Emery Theatre Renovation	Businesses			1			
TOTALS		43	92	314			495

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NBD Property Holding Costs	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

This project will address property maintenance issues for City-owned property in neighborhood business districts (NBDs) and the neighborhoods. The funds are used to respond to safety, clean up, maintenance, weed removal, and other issues as identified.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Findlay Market Revitalization		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$474,850	\$600,000

This project will provide additional resources required for the Findlay Market House Renovation that was recommended in the Findlay Market Master Business Development Plan as adopted by City Council on December 15, 1995. The renovation project will include expansion of the Market House, redesign of Elder Street, new HVAC equipment, improved lighting, and wider aisles. During the construction, Market House vendors will be relocated into the Findlay Market North Addition buildings owned by the City. The construction period is estimated to last 18 months.

The 2002 approved budget included an amount of \$500,000 for this project. Due to increased construction costs, an increased funding amount is recommended to support the Market House Renovations.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Emery Theatre Renovation		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	-	\$50,000	-	\$50,000

This project provides for the renovation of the Emery Theatre and associated staging areas. 2002 project funds will be used for architectural services and other pre-development professional services associated with the renovation of the theatre.

This project was funded in the amount of \$50,000 for both 2001 and 2002 by the City Council as part of the approved 2001-2002 Biennial Capital Improvement Program budget; however, this project did not meet the criteria for an economic development activity using City General Capital funds. In 2001 Council approved funding of this project with CDBG funds. This project request provides continuation funding for 2002 as originally intended in the 2002 Biennial Budget.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
NBD Improvements		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Each year, neighborhood business districts throughout Cincinnati are invited to submit proposals to the Department of Economic Development for public improvements within business districts. These proposals are subsequently reviewed and rated by the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU). CNBDU is an advisory group of neighborhood business representatives created to assist the City administration with policy and funding recommendations in the area of neighborhood economic development. The purpose of this program is to enhance the economic viability of Cincinnati's neighborhood business districts by constructing streetscape and infrastructure improvements, and by acquiring property for parking or redevelopment. Retention of existing

business, increased business and service mix, improved infrastructure, and increased employment opportunities are some of the benefits of this program.

See specific NBD Improvements projects below, with specific project descriptions.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Clifton Heights Neighborhood Park Study	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500

This project will provide for an architectural design study for a new park in the Clifton Heights neighborhood.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
University Village Urban Design Plan Update	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$52,500

This project will update the 1993 University Village Association Urban Design Plan in order to expand the urban renewal area around the NBD. The focus will be on reworking the street environment and increasing the mix of retail/commercial establishments in the Corryville Business District. Approximately 66 businesses will be impacted by this project.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
East Walnut Hills Parking Lot	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$99,800	\$99,800	\$99,800

This project provides for the purchase and demolition of property at 2608 Woodburn Avenue and construction of a parking lot on the site to support the new Kaldi's Coffee House at 2600 Woodburn Avenue. This project is expected to create 5 to 10 jobs and benefit 5 local businesses.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
OTR Main Street Signage	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500

This project will provide for the design, production and installation of signage along Main Street in Over-The-Rhine to direct visitors to off-street parking in the area.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
OTR Vine Street Signage	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500

This project will provide for the design, production and installation of signage along Vine Street in Over-The-Rhine to direct visitors to off-street parking in the area. In addition, this project will provide for improved lighting of public parking lots along Vine Street for both residential and retail users.

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Bond Hill Resource Center	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000

This project provides for the acquisition and renovation of the building located at 1200 California Avenue to serve as the Bond Hill Resource Center. This facility will provide customized retail and commercial lease space for local businesses. The Bond Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation will manage the facility.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Avondale Parking – Mom’s Family Restaurant	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$135,300	\$135,300	\$135,300

This project provides for the acquisition and redevelopment of three properties at 3162-3164 Reading Road for public commercial parking lots, including lighting and landscaping. This project will support the establishment of two restaurants that are expected to create a total of 28 jobs.

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Walnut Hills-McMillan Streetscape	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500

This project will provide for the installation of street trees, additional trash receptacles, planters, banners, and benches in the Walnut Hills NBD along McMillan Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. These improvements are designed to establish a more pedestrian friendly business district.

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Lower Price Hill – 8 th & State Streetscape	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$262,500	\$262,500	\$262,500

This project will provide public improvements, such as new sidewalks and curbs, in the Lower Price Hill NBD to support a commercial infill plan at West Eighth and State Streets.

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Madisonville Spectrum Building	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$178,100	\$178,100	\$178,100

This project will provide for the acquisition and redevelopment of the vacant Spectrum building located at 5020 Whetsel Avenue for use as retail, office, and commercial space. Emphasis will be placed on targeting small business tenants with space needs ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 square feet. This project is expected to result in the creation of 25 new jobs.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Walnut Hills E-Commerce Center	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	-	\$61,800	\$61,800	\$61,800

This project provides for the renovation and build-out of a 20,000 square foot building located in the Walnut Hills NBD. The first floor will be used for medical services, health related businesses, and job training programs. The second floor will be used for minority business start-ups, emerging technology-based or service-based businesses. The Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation will operate the facility.

Objective 5: Provide job training and placement opportunities for adults and employment supportive services including transportation to jobs.

Program	Indicator	2000 Actual	2001 Goal	2002 Goal	2003 Goal	2004 Goal	Five Year Goal
Employment Initiatives (placements)	People	603	550	550			3,000
Career Resource Center (placements)	People	1503	1500	1500			6,375
PREP, Inc (placements)	People	14	17	40			200
Totals		2120	2067	2090			9,575

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Employment Initiatives/Vanpooling	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$401,350	\$435,000	\$391,000	\$391,000

The mission of the Employment Initiatives Program is to assist residents with their job search along with assisting businesses with their recruitment needs. Three services are available to city residents and local businesses, specifically, Job Prep, Job Bank, and Job Link. The Job Prep service is a 7-hour workshop that prepares residents for a job search. The Job Bank service is available to businesses that want to list their current job openings. Once residents complete the job prep workshop, they will be referred to the businesses for an interview. Job Link is the reverse commute program. Currently, 15 vans take residents to and from work 365 days a year. Average weekly ridership is 135 city residents who use the service to get to work at 23 businesses located in the suburbs that employ city residents.

The 2002 Approved Budget included an amount of \$401,350 for this program, reflecting an inflationary increase over the 2001 approved amount of \$391,000. Funding is recommended at the 2001 level to balance the budget.

<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
Career Resource Center	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
CDBG	\$156,000	\$168,300	-	-

The Career Resource Center, operated through Cincinnati Institute for Career Alternatives, is a state of the art network of effective, accessible and affordable workforce development services. The system integrates the delivery of numerous employment and training programs into a single system through the use of technology with a central location at 1811 Losantiville. Customers have access to information and the full array of employment and training services and resources from any location in the system. The Resource Center provides assistance to low- and moderate-income persons who are seeking employment, and to businesses that are seeking assistance in meeting their human resource needs.

The elimination of CDBG funding for this program is recommended because the Center funded under this program will be funded entirely using WIA funds beginning in 2002. The City

currently funds the operation of the Career Resource Center (One Stop Center) located on Losantiville Road in Bond Hill using CDBG and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds. Under the Southwestern Ohio Regional Workforce Policy Board guidelines, the operation of this center is being contracted to an outside entity and will be funded entirely using WIA funds. Each of the participating jurisdictions on the Southwestern Ohio Regional Workforce Policy Board will have a WIA funded One-Stop Center in their jurisdiction.

<i>Program Description</i>		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>CDAB</i>	<i>City Mgr</i>
PREP, Inc		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
	CDBG	\$104,000	\$113,950	\$124,690	\$113,950

PREP, Inc. identifies, assesses, and recruits minorities and women who possess the potential for successful employment in the construction industry or other primary labor market industries. PREP, Inc. provides skills training, orientation, support, and follow-up services. It also advises employers about equal employment opportunities and how to successfully employ and retain workers from the target population.

Increased funding in the amount of \$113,950 is recommended in the 2002 Budget Update because other outside funding sources for this program have been decreased.